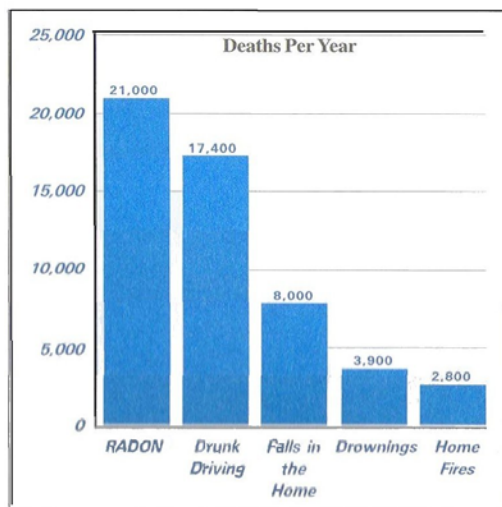


Radon is estimated to cause thousands of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year.



EPA 2003 "Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes," document #402-R-03-003

All homes can have radon. The age of the home does NOT matter.

No level of radon is safe.

GET TESTED !!

← Look inside to see how.

Where Can I Go to Learn More?

A variety of books are available at our office or from the EPA:

- A Citizen's Guide To Radon
- Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction (How to fix your home)
- Learning about RADON, a part of nature
- Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon

A number of websites also have information about radon:

www.epa.gov/radon/
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HEC/CSEM/radon/
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/radon.html
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/radon.html
www.nsc.org/library/facts/radon.htm
www.niehs.nih.gov/ keyword "radon"
www.radon.com
www.rssi.us

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111 Union Square SE Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87102
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Fax: (505) 314- 0470

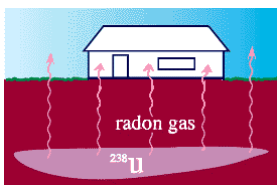


What is Radon?

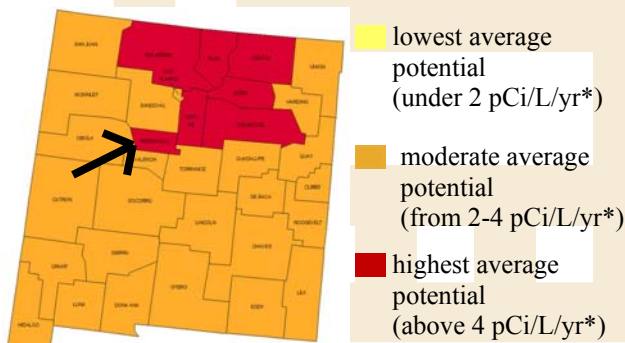
Radon is a radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.



Radon is a byproduct of decaying uranium, which is found naturally in New Mexico soils.



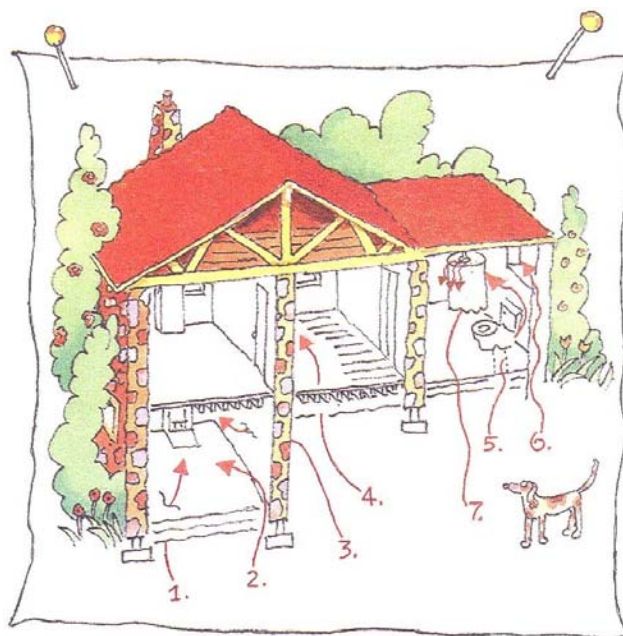
EPA studies have shown Bernalillo County residents have a high potential for radon exposure.



* picoCuries per liter is the unit used to measure radon

www.epa.gov/radon/zonemap/newmexico.htm

Note: No lowest potential areas exist in New Mexico.



Radon can get into your home through:

1. Cracks in solid floors.
2. Construction joints.
3. Cracks in walls.
4. Gaps in suspended floors.
5. Gaps around service pipes.
6. Cavities inside walls.
7. The water supply.

Short term kits:

- ▶ last for 3-7 days
- ▶ are only \$5 from our office for Bernalillo County residents



Learn more, test your home:

- Contact **Belinda Lucero** (314-0320 or blucero@bernco.gov) or **Matt Cross-Guillén** (314-0324 or matthewc@bernco.gov) at the Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health
- Call 1-800-SOS-RADON

Test your home yourself:

- Kits are available for short term and long term testing.
- Cost of kits includes the analysis.
- Kits are only \$5 from our office and can be purchased at many retail stores too.

OR... find a professional tester.

For a list of certified professional testers and mitigators, visit:

NMED, Radiation Control Bureau, Indoor Radon Outreach website

<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/radon.html>
or call (505) 827-1093